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Great Falls men help in the hunter safety push

Richard Berg and John Walker are the organizers of the Hunter Safety Program for Great Falls, Fort Shaw, Sun River, Cascade, Neihart, Vaughn, Castner Falls, Monarch and Belt. Over 1,000 students have been instructed so far this year in Cascade County. Two 2-week classes are taught each spring and fall—with one make-up course after each session. Students have 12 hours of class room instruction which includes visual aids, first aid; bird, animal and gun displays. This year, for students passing the course, instruction at a firing range is being added. N.R.A. rules and Montana statutes govern the work of the group.

All hunter safety instructors are volunteer workers, but they must be qualified by an N.R.A. examination and certified by the Montana Fish and Game Dept.

Shown in the photograph are Richard Berg, chief instructor, Cascade County; Clarence Christensen, instructor; John Walker, assistant chief instructor, Cascade County and Arlen Hughes, instructor.

—Rex Chamberlin

Highway users support governor's safety program

Full support, of Governor Anderson's highway safety program was pledged to the Governor, by the Montana Highway Users Conference by Robert F. Dye, Bozeman, chairman of the Montana Highway Users Conference in Helena. Presentation of a specially designed workbook to compare Montana's vehicle code with the nationally recommended Uniform Vehicle Code was made in the Governor's office by the Conference chairman.

The Uniform Vehicle Code project is a national objeetive of state Highway Users Conferences to encourage voluntary uniformity on the part of state and local governments in laws and regulations pertaining to motor vehicle registration, accident reporting, driver licensing and all other aspects of motor vehicle use and operation. Major sections of the Uniform Code are devoted to the three announced priorities requested by the Governor to reduce the traffic death and injury toll in Montana. These are Implied Consent law to curb drunken driving, fixed speed limits, and a program of periodic motor vehicle inspection.

Governor Anderson's concern over

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Greg Jackson is commended

Gregory A. Jackson, traffic section, Helena, was awarded a certificate for attending the "Traffic Engineering Seminar" course conducted at the Traffic Institute February 9-27 in Evanston, Ill.

Jackson was in the upper ten percent of the class, based on a competitive examination, according to James M. Slavin, director, Traffic Institute.

The seminar was designed to provide the participants with the current theoretical aspects and the practical applications of the traffic engineering science.

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News items of interest to Highway Department employees are invited. They should be given to the correspondents listed above.

Graduate Engineers take advanced study course

Graduate engineering students shown assembled for the first class in the Vo-Tech school in Helena under a program of advanced study in civil engineering. The course is taught once a week by professors from the Montana State University, Bozeman. Twenty-eight of the students registered were from the Montana State Highway Commission. The class numbered thirty-five engineers.

Among those from the Highway Commission are Jerome Borgen, Robert Champion, David Fraser, Donald Gruel, Greg Jackson, David Johnson, Stephen Kologi, Lyle Lallum, William Larson, Donald Lovely, Robert McCoskery, Edward Miller, Stanley Miller, William Morrison, Carl Peil, Norman Rognlie, Sigel Ross, Thomas Rossetto, John Walsh, Homer Wheeler, Dennis Williams, Ronald Williams.

R/W project finished near Conrad

The Montana State Highway Commission was in the process recently of designing, appraising and buying right-of-way for the new access road east of Conrad to serve the proposed anti-ballistic missile site, with its location being about 40 miles east of Conrad.

Jerry Charlton (Helena headquarters) was supervisor of the special project office located in Conrad, with Lowell Meyers as appraiser and Vern Jones as office coordinator. Both Lowell and Vern are from the Missoula office. Dick Chrest and Ken Cress were negotiators. Dick and Ken are from the Glendive office. Frank Van Winkle (Helena preconstruction) worked up R/W plans. Genevieve Emery was secretary, Conrad.

Most of the roadway proposed will become part of the Secondary System.

"We all have a stake in the department's public image"

Every now and then someone hauls off an incisive piece of writing and hurls it at us—and we find ourselves wishing "we had said it that way first." Such was the case with an item in the February issue of **Maine Highway News.** The six short paragraphs involved so accurately and completely described the atmosphere surrounding highway department employees, we thought our MHC people would appreciate reading it as much as we did. Here it is:

"**THE TERM** 'image,' the impression people have of an individual's character, personality, what makes him tick, has been used a great deal in recent years. The term has something to do with an old-fashioned word: 'reputation.'

"In a state agency, such as the State Highway Department, we are all participants in the creation of our agency's image. We help fortify that image every time we answer the phone with enthusiasm and interest in the caller. We help tear down that image every time we are abrupt, too busy, non-helpful.

"We nibble away at the image of the State Highway Department every time we linger too long between jobs out on the highway. It is amazing how keen the memory of a passing motorist (taxpayer) becomes when he sees a bright orange SHC truck and a group of men standing around and not appearing to be accomplishing any work.

"The same thing might happen in the State Office Building, division office, or any of our outlying facilities. A visitor may see a Department employee standing, just looking out of a window. It doesn't matter if the attitude on the part of the SHC worker was only for an instant, the result is the same—a bad image.

"All of us whether we are aware of it or not at some time during the working day are helping to strengthen or destroy the Department's image by adding one small favorable or unfavorable impression to someone's total memory of the State Highway Department.

"You can be sure the public is aware of you. You should be aware of your public image."

Couldn't that one apply to us? too?

Gets colorful sash of office–colorfully

Sparkling brown eyes and a dimpled smile are two of the plus features which appealed to the judges of the first annual Miss Montana Highway Contest, when Sue Holloron of the Missoula division was named winner from a field of twelve contestants.

The vivacious 19-year-old is 5 foot 5 in. tall, weighs 115 pounds, and has black hair which is frosted. Sue came to work for the Missoula division in February of 1969.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Holloron, she graduated from Hellgate High School in 1969. Sue has two sisters and two brothers. The family moved to Missoula when Sue was a first-grader.

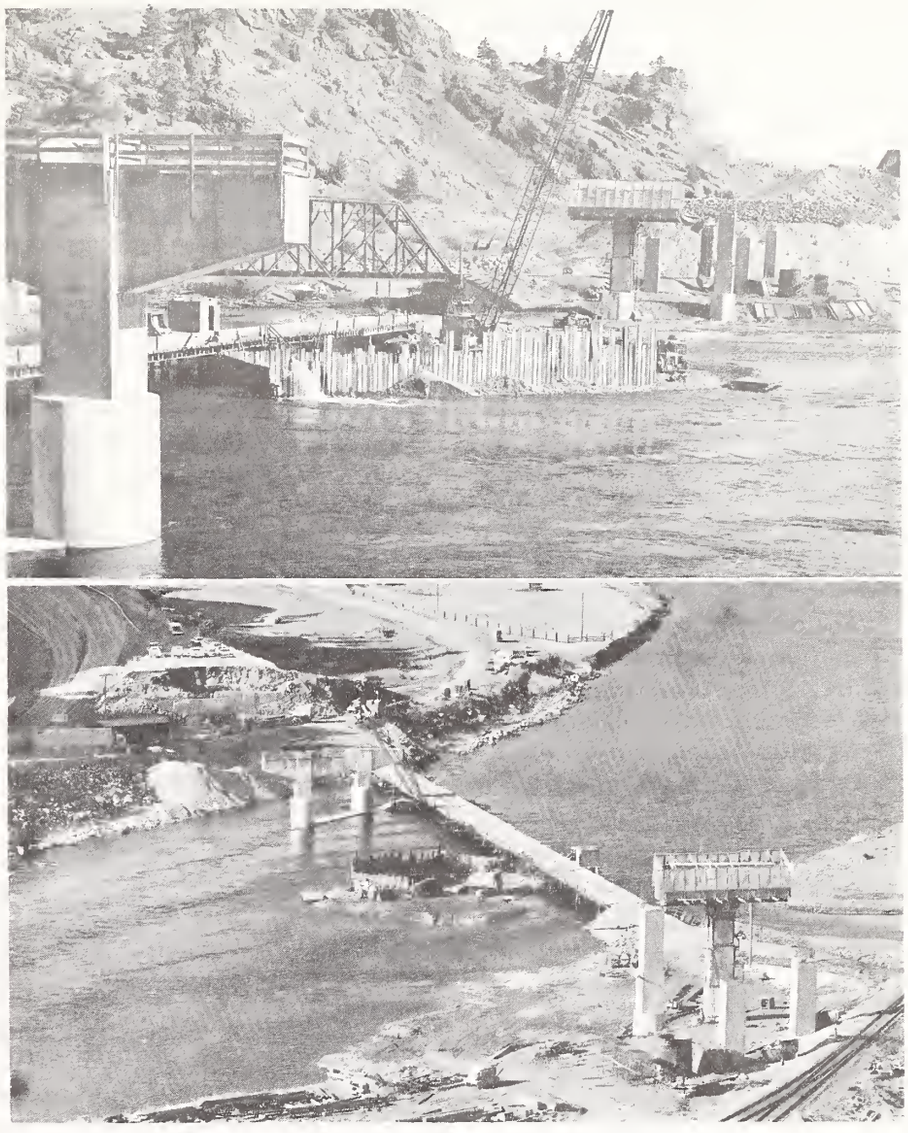
An avid water sports enthusiast, Sue lists boating, water skiing, and rafting down the Blackfoot as top summer activities.

Although still a "Miss," Sue is not exactly an eligible young lady—she is engaged to Bud Wilson of Missoula, currently attending Western Technical College in Denver, where he is studying electronics.

As "Miss Montana Highways," Sue will participate at dedication and groundbreaking ceremonies, open houses, and other public functions.

A reckless driver drives like he owns the road. A careful driver drives like he owns his car.

And some teenagers feel that once they pass the driver test, they should pass everything.



State's largest bridge making progress

Recent job-site photographs show progress being made on the dual 1,268-foot steel and concrete bridge over the Missouri and Dearborn rivers and the Great Northern Railway tracks. Location is on Interstate 15, about 40 miles south of Great Falls. Cop construction Co., Billings, is the contractor on the job, with William Kapptie as superintendent. T. G. Tomich of Great Falls is resident engineer.

The photos clearly show the alignment of the structures, the substantial contractor's work bridge and an almost completed cofferdam for a pier footing 27 feet wide, 83 feet long and 10 feet deep. This footing will take 830 cubic yards of concrete and will be 17 feet under water. Structural steel is arriving and is being stored on the project—some $440,000 of it when deliveries are completed. Probable completion date: mid-July, 1971.

The project will use 9,000 cubic yards of concrete, 1,519,000 pounds of reinforcing steel, 3,423,500 pounds of structural steel and 40,000 lineal feet of wood piling. The bridge was designed by Morrison-Maierle, Inc.

It is one of four bridges and about 9.2 miles of roadway now under construction to complete I-15 through the Missouri River Canyon.

Wunderwald photos

Ninth annual bowling meet at Miles City

All roads lead to Miles City April 25 and 26 for the ninth annual Montana Highway Employees Bowling Tourney.

An early response from all over the state indieates that this will be one of the biggest and best ever. As of this date (Mareh 9) thirty-two out-of-town team entries have been received. We will field fifteen teams from the Miles City Division alone.

A no-host dinner is planned for all highway employees and guests on the evening of Saturday, April 25. The eost will be $2.50 per person and will feature an exeellent steak dinner. We would appreciate it if each division would poll its area and advise us no later than April 17 as to how many will attend the dinner. You do not need to bowl to attend the banquet activities. Times for Saturday evening activities are:

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NO-HOST COCKTAIL HOUR
6:30 — 7:30 PM

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NO-HOST DINNER
7:30 — 9:30 PM

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DANCING
9:30 — 2:00 AM

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George "Babe" Mickus is pictured with the group of trophies won reeently in the third annual Eagles Bowling Tournament in Miles City. Trophies are for high scratch game (6 lines), high seratch series (6 lines), and first plaee (6 lines). Babe bowled a 193 actual average for the six lines with a high individual game score of 239.

The "Next One" that Babe happens to be waiting for is the ninth annual Highway Employees Tourney. Babe is chairman of the bowling committee.

Don Smail goes to Flint, Michigan

Don R. Smail, former assistant state highway engineer-operations and speeial assignments engineer-maintenanee, resigned from the Montana State Highway Commission in January to accept a position with Roy L. Jorgensen and Assoeiates, a eonsulting firm.

His first post will be at Flint, Mieh., for an orientation period, after which he will be assigned a longer-term. location. The firm's serviees range world-wide.

Mrs. Alice Smail and ehildren are remaining in Helena until the close of the sehool year.

Capitol city coffee hour staged

Wives of Helena headquarters personnel were entertained at a Valentine eoffee party February 11 by Mrs. Lewis M. Chittim. More than 100 ladies, ineluding wives of Bureau of Publie Roads personnel, attended the party at the Assoeiated General Contraetors building.

Mrs. Chittim was assisted by her daughter,. Mrs. Ray (Bonnie) Johnson, and by several wives of department heads.

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The thing generally raised on city land is TAXES.

WITH THE DIVISIONS

Kalispell

Prior to the entrance of March, like Leo the Lion, our weather here had been a bit on the balmy side. One might even say it was spring-like. Being spring and true to tradition the young men's fancies had lightly turned and as a result KEN CLOTHIER, HERB HEGG, AUGUST STROBBE and SARGENT AL RIERSON had the task of gathering dowrys for their daughters who had suecumbed to the fancies as well. NORMAN NELSON was passing out some whopping black cheroots for the birth of a baby girl, Trina Jean. All four of the Nelsons survived the ordeal with flying colors: the wife, the husband and Terry.

FLOYD PAULI's home is sporting a set of bell bottoms for a spell with the return on leave of his son, Steve, from the Navy. All of us here are wishing all the best in the world to Linda Fopp, Al's daughter who entered the University Hospital in Seattle for special treatment.

Our efficient office manager, VIC BAKER, will be bidding Bon Voyage to his wife Madelaine who leaves Spokane to wing her way baek to the hometown of Epernay, France. She will return shortly after Bastille day.

After being ehallenged by the Kalispell Kittens, the Libby Lions bowling team eonsisting of VERN BORDEN, JACK ADAMSON, GARY JONES, MERLE CHRISTENSON and HOWARD KYRISS came out with the Libby team on the upper edge but the gang in Kalispell of JIM KEITHLEY, HOWARD STOCKWELL, JOHN KALIEN, TOM BERNARD and KEN CHRISINGER felt the seore was close enough for a rematch. They claim John Kalien was under a handicap with the upeoming marriage of his daughter. The date for the new bout has not been set but team spirits are running rather rampant.

BOB FINLEY is taking an active part in the Flathead Valley Community College plays and will be starring in the "Odd Couple" which will not only be showing in Kalispell but Libby and Eureka as well.

First Aid instruction elasses for engineering personnel got under way March 4 in the Kalispell Division with KENNETH CHRISINGER, CARL EDWARDS, and GERALD ROAT the instruetors. Classes are scheduled in Libby, Kalispell and Polson running through March 25. Appreeiation is extended to the State Industrial Aecident Board for the use of training film and to the Kalispell school system for the loan of a projector whieh is providing valuable assistance in this training program.

Two new employees are weleomed to the Division. DENNIS P. FOY assigned to TOM BARNARD'S erew at Kalispell and JAY M. RAMLO stationed at Libby under VERN BORDEN.

WITH THE DIVISIONS

A service award luncheon was held at the 4 Seasons restaurant March 3 attended by 22 employees. Awards were presented by Division Engineer James J. Keithley. Pictured left to right are Eldon Gamache, 10 years; Howard A. Stockwell, John Kalien and Willard A. Stockwell each receiving 20 year pins.

—Pat Henderson, Kalispell

Helena—Hdq.

People to people

GARY JESPERSEN of Construction left Helena, March 11th, for a two-and-a-half week trip to Honduras. This was no ordinary vacation . . . instead, Gary and four other members of St. Paul's Methodist Church, including Rev. George Harper, worked at rebuilding two missions destroyed by a hurricane last fall.

Teams from other states have participated in this project; this was the only team from Montana. They traveled by car to New Orleans, where they boarded a plane to their destination.

A fund-raising supper was held by members of the church to help defray expenses . . . however, members of the team footed the rest of the bill themselves.

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Personnel

GEORGE KNAPP, Planning Survey, gave away his daughter Linda on March 14, to Barry Albert, Great Falls. It was a great wedding.

The Montana Association of Highway Employees, Helena local, had a swinging party at the Elks Club Feb. 28, with dinner catered by the East Helena Kiwanis Club, and dancing to a 4-piece band. A good turnout.

LYNDON RUDECK, mechanic at the Helena shop, retired March 1, after completing 41 years of service. Lyndon and his wife, Elizabeth plan to do extensive traveling in their new-found leisure time. They left in March for a tour of the southern states, after which they will return to Helena for the balance of the summer months. Lyndon and Elizabeth will also take the air tour to Europe with the MPEA group in September 1970.

Lyndon is a brother of GARRELL RUDECK, former Helena Shop superintendent, who retired November 1, 1969, after completing 40 years of service.

WILLIAM MORTIEAU, GVW director, attended a two-day meeting of the National Vehicle Reciprocity Forum at St. Louis, Mo. Mortieau is chairman of the Uniform Compact and also is chairman of Region 4, American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators Reciprocity Committee.

Several key personnel from Helena headquarters attended the Montana Roads and Streets Conference in Bozeman March 17-19. They included LEWIS M. CHITTIM, state highway engineer, who presented opening remarks; JACK BECKERT, assistant state highway engineer-engineering, who led a discussion on "road planning at the state level;" and HOMER WHEELER, senior assistant construction engineer, who participated in a panel discussion on compaction.

New employees

Carolyn A. Nyby, accounting; David J. Fraser, bridge; James R. Coey, GVW; Clair A. Hecock, GVW; James W. Stotts, GVW; Larry E. Strickland, GVW; Dean V. Walston, GVW; William E. Bradford, preconstruction; Maureen C. Delahanty, preconstruction; Mabel M. Vincent, GVW; and Richard R. Hoffman, hydraulics;

James D. Voeller, hydraulics, Matthew A. Schmidt, planning survey; Robert R. Gustine, preconstruction; Merrill L. Rutherford, preconstruction; Alex G. Zbitnoff, project control; Denise M. Hampton, right-of-way; William C. Colbert, construction; Jean R. Pillen, construction; Eulalia Larson, materials; Norman C. Dalry, right-of-way; Genevieve M. Emery, right-of-way; Richard L. Nessan, right-of-way; Gordon J. Stockstad, traffic.

Terminations

Darrell E. Beckstrom, GVW; Don D. Borgen, preconstruction; Susan K. Phillips, preconstruction; Charles R. Larson, GVW; Mary E. Pettibone, legal; Dennis D. Zanto, hydraulics; Maggie M. Calaway, legal; Robert L. Finley, bridge.

Elizabeth M. Green, core drill; Danette M. Holland, GVW; Ralph A. Stromme, GVW; Lorey J. Topham, planning survey; Steven Lee Freeman, data processing; Lyndon Rudeck (retired), equipment; James G. Burrows, data processing.

—Bev Gibson, Helena

Glendive

Glendive division employees have been watching the steady, but slow, progress of WAYNE MONTE, Resident Engineer II, who suffered a stroke on his left side, leaving his right side paralyzed.

Since Wayne's setback in October of 1969, he was in the hospital 16 days and at home three months slowly getting his strength and use of his right side back. He is showing much progress as he is back to work half days now and is getting around quite well considering he had to learn to walk and write all over again. Wayne has displayed an enormous amount of strength and courage during this time.

WILLIAMS, ASKIN, CARLISLE, MENGEL, CUNDALL and CLINE, the Ekalaka crew, will be helping KEN QUALE'S crew staking the Marsh-Glendive project before contractors start work.

BERNIE KELLY, REINHART, GRANDLUND, LANGE and ENGEL will be helping PAT KELLY'S crew stake Prairie County Line—East. All getting ready for spring construction.

The Glendive division welcomes two new employees. They are ROSS MAJOR and GARY L. JOHNSTON, who have been assigned to KEN QUALE'S crew as Engineering Aides I.

Congratulations go out to WAYNE SCOTT, Lab. Tech. and VICTOR A. WOLF, rodman. These men have served Montana with 25 years of service.

Wayne Scott received a pin and certificate for 15 years of service.

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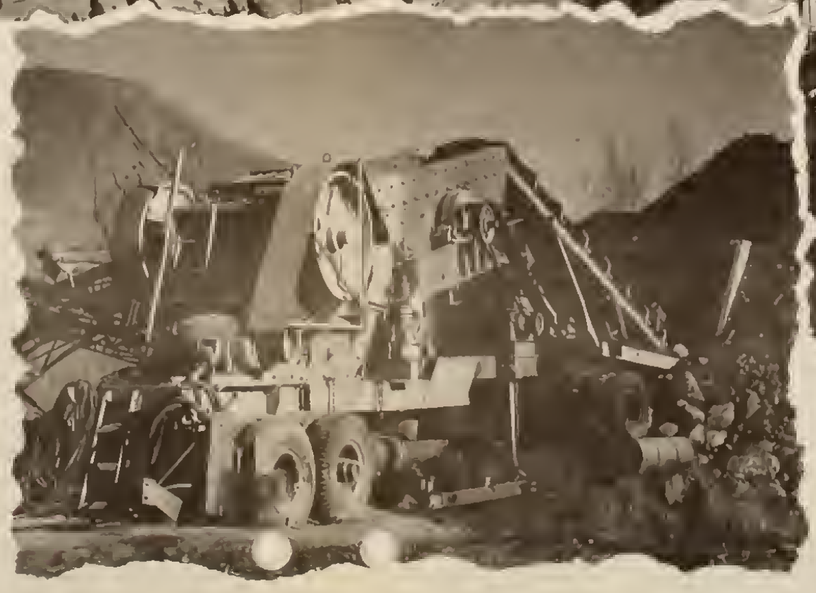

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN JUST BEFORE THE FIRST HONEST SNOW OF WINTER FELL SHOWED MARONICK CONSTRUCTION, OF EAST HELENA, "RUNNING WITH THE BALL" ON ROAD WORK — I 15-3 (22) 168 U-1. THIS LINK IN THE INTERSTATE IS 5.379 MILES IN LENGTH. BID PRICE WAS $1,992,393.65. CONTRACT WAS LET JUNE 24, 1969. THESE OUTSTANDING MARV KALLAND PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW TO A MARKED EFFECT THE CONTROLLED RAW POWER OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT AT WORK.

WITH THE DIVISIONS

Victor A. Wolf received a pin and certifieate for 10 years of serviee.

Distriet 4 will be well represented at the highway bowling tournament this year with four teams partieipating, and their goals are nothing less than first plaee.

They eonsist of BRUCE RUSSELL, GARY and VICKY NENTWIG, JACK and BEA BIRCH, RUSTY and JACKI WRIGG, DENNIS and SHARON TENNEY, FLOYD SCHRAM, DUANE THOM, KEN BAISCH, BILL BOHLE, VIC SCHEUFFELE, ORVILLE JOHNSON, DEAN and ESTER BORGEN, KARL OVERLIE, BOB EGGEBRECHT, ED and MAGGIE KESSEL and LARRY MAIER.

There is a new voiee heard around the RUSSELL LANGE home since his wife Sandy delivered a 7 lb. 2½ oz. baby girl February 23, 1970. This little tyke has been named Shanon and is their first child. Russell is an Engineer Aide I.

—Carole Ritz, Glendive

Great Falls

DICK BERG, offiee engineer in Great Falls, recently received a eard of appreeiation from ABD EL HADI ELGINDI AZAB for the hospitality shown him while he was in the Great Falls division. Mr. Azab was the Egyptian engineer who eame to Montana to study our eonstruetion teehniques, partieularly those pertaining to struetures. Dick Berg and the other boys in the offiee engineers office really went out of their way to make his stay here an enjoyable one.

FRED FERGUSON, maintenanee man in the Great Falls area, retired Deeember 31, 1969. Fred was presented with a box of his favorite eigars and a wallet containing some of that folding green. He was also treated to eake and coffee in the division offiee.

—Pat Bristol, Great Falls

Safety program
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traffic safety and his plaeing a high priority on traffie safety legislative needs was eited by the Conference Chairman Dye as the key faetor in prospects for successful legislation in the 1971 session.

The eomparative study of Montana's laws with the Uniform Vehiele Code will be a major step in providing aeeurate information as to Montana's status in relation to the reeommended standards considered to be the backbone of any effective safety program.

Havre

STEVE W. TIMMONS, a Havre high sehool senior and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. TIMMONS, has been advised by Senator Lee Matealf that the senator has nominated him as one of nine competing alternates to the U.S. Military Aeademy at West Point, New York for the elass entering July of this year. Previously Steve reeeived a nomination for the Air Force Academy by Senator Mike Mansfield. J. W. Timmons is division maintenanee supervisor for the Havre division.

Pins and certificates of appreciation were presented to ROGER WALTER for 5-years of serviee and to WILLIAM D. KAUFMAN for 15 years of service.

Office manager, CLARENCE RATCHYE, had the misfortune of slipping on the iee February 14th in downtown Havre and breaking his left arm. It will remain in a east for another couple of weeks.

HARVEY S. EMBODY, resident engineer 1, and his crew eonsisting of DONALD B. BOLLINGER, instrumentman, DANIEL L. BLACK, RICHARD E. EDWARDS and GLENN A. ARPS, all rodmen were transferred to the Havre division and stationed at Conrad, from the Great Falls division. This crew will be in charge of the eonstruetion on I-15, Conrad north and south.

RICHARD E. WINTER, shop foreman in the Havre division has been named to the Maintenanee Equipment Speeifieation eommittee.

All of us here in the Havre office are green with envy as we think of MR. and MRS. TIMMONS leaving today for a vaeation in Hawaii; however, it is well-deserved and we wish them a healthy suntan and a safe return.

NYLE V. SNELL has been appointed Maintenanee Supervisor I for the Sunburst section and was transferred from the Shelby seetion. He replaees HARRY O. HALLINGSTAD who resigned recently.

—Edna Hess, Havre

Billings

Safety first this year in Billings

WILLIAM "BILL" WOOLSTON, maintenanee supervisor and PETE MESSER, have large stop signs placed near both gates from the Billings yard to remind all drivers to "Stop and Fasten Seat Belts."

ROBERT LEE, safety engineer, has information posted on all bulletin boards throughout the winter. All employees must work to eut down our aeeident rate.

Future bright for Billings area interstate

Over twelve miles of new interstate 90 will be under contract when the Columbus East and West sections are let this month.

Design plans for Interstate 94 in the Custer area and Interstate 90 near Hardin are nearly complete.

Most eonstruetion in the Billings District has been slowed down due to snow and winter conditions.

Perhaps a confused "Prairie Dog" who saw his shadow is to be blamed for the weather ehange, however, with the first sign of spring, construction will be in full swing.

Big Sky Credit Union elects new officers

One hundred fifty eredit union members attended the annual eleetion meeting held in the Elks Club last month.

Elected president was C. R. CHENEY; 1st viee president, R. H. BIRD, Fish & Game Commission; sec-

retary-treasurer, GEORGE HAIDER and assistant, JOHN NEUDICK. Membership o f f i e e r, GARTH C. HOUGAARD. D i r e e t o r s, JOHN MINER, WALTER REICHENBERG and MICHAEL ZAHN. Credit committee, PHILIP BELL, GEORGE JOVANOVICH and DALE HARCHARIK. All are highway employees exeept Mr. R. H. Bird.

Promotions

NORBERT "RED" BRINKEMA, new working shop foreman and TED WEISS, promoted to meehanies helper.

Welcome new employees

Engineering — R O B E R T J. JUNEAU and RAYMOND D. BISHOP; maintenanee — L. HERMAN STRECK and WILLIAM J. MULLIN; lab—EVERETT P. STORM.

Retiring

HOWARD A. BODINE, R/W Agent III, after nine years serviee with the Montana Highway Commission. Previously Mr. Bodine was eounty eommissioner in Park County for many years. Howard will move to a new home near Absarokee, and expeets to do lots of work around the house and yard—before fishing.

Herb Noennig frees prisoned pinto pigeon

A pretty pinto pigeon flew into the shop and defied all efforts of state employees to liberate it.

After darkening the r o o m and opening the large doors, Herb talked the bird from his pereh to freedom. Noennig speaks several languages, ineluding "Birdese," would you believe?

Christmas in March?

JERRY FAGAN eelebrated Christmas in Mareh this year. Mrs. Telma Fagan and sons Kenneth and Steven returned Mareh 7 from a six-months visit to her native Argentina. "It's summer down there," said Jerry. "The ehildren missed Christmas here, so I saved the presents."

Interesting to note, Telma said the eity of Buenos Aires has a population of seven million and no traffie lights or stop signs. It takes forever to go through an interseetion.

CLARENCE WALTH, R/W offiee eo-ordinator reports from California that his wife is responding to medieal treatments at Palo Alto, and they expeet to be home by May.

PETE MESSER to enter hospital for minor surgery. We all wish Pete a speedy reeovery.

WATCH OUT!

For hazards like these on jobs you are on

(Bud, indefatigable browser in the realm of safety for Contractor T.L. James and Company, Ruston, La., comes up with a brace of common-sense safety tips presented in the BUD'S BROWSINGS feature in THE JAMES JOURNAL).

The equipment used on construction jobs can create dangerous conditions for workers. Here are some of the more common situations to watch out for.

1. Any moving equipment, self-propelled units such as cranes, shovels, hi-lifts, tractors, or trucks, should be respected. Don't depend upon the equipment operator to see you as you travel around the job.
2. When any of these units are traveling backwards and the operator cannot see the space into which he is moving, stand clear until the movement has been made. Truck drivers should not back into job areas without someone clearing the area and giving signals.
3. Watch out for swinging counterweights on equipment such as cranes.
4. Never cut across the path behind a tractor or other unit while it is backing up. You may trip and fall under it. For the same reason, no one should ride on the running board or drawbar of any unit even for a short distance.
5. The top of loaded trucks is not the place to ride. The load may shift and strike you. You may be thrown off over rough ground. The over-head clearance may not be enough and you'd be crushed.
6. When riding in any transport vehicle from point to point, on jobs or between jobs, all parts of your body must be inside the unit, including arms and legs.
7. When working on any portable staging, scaffold, or work platform, do not stay on while the unit is being moved.
8. Around equipment working in the vicinity of power lines, don't unnecessarily contact the frame of the unit or the load cables. There is always the chance that the boom of the unit may hit the power lines. Warn the operator and your foreman of such conditions, and follow his instructions.
9. Stay away from under loads on cranes or hoists.
10. Operating machinery that is to be cleaned, adjusted, lubricated or repaired should be stopped before such work is begun. Guards removed for the work should be replaced as soon as work is done and before resuming operation.

Courtesy of *The Co-Operator* Jan.-Feb. 1970
WABCO

Did you know?

. . . EARL BROWN, offiee manager, has spent all winter refinishing a pool table. The table is from the Blaek Hills of South Dakota and could well have been used by "Wild Bill." No doubt will see lots of use by the Brown's.

. . . That TONY SHORE, our night watehman, is a "Sky Diver." Not aetive in diving now, Tony has belonged to elubs in California and Arizona. Tony got his start while in the Navy.

. . . PHILIP BELL, lab, is an exeellent photographer. Phil has built a hobby into a paying part-time business, he photographs anything and anyone. All profit goes into new equipment. Wedding photographs anyone?

. . . DAVE HOLMBERG, maintenanee, has a paying hobby also. Dave makes tea or eoffee tables or anything speeial. If you need something for the house or for a present see Dave for some ideas.

—James Young, Billings

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Bozeman

First aid instruction was given to approximately one-third of the Bozeman division employees in February with classes being held in Bozeman and Livingston. BOB RICKETTS, GARY DEES, and BILL STEELE were instructors in Bozeman, and DAN URBACH, WILLIS GRISWOLD, and TED HERMAN were instructors in Livingston. We are happy to say that everyone passed the test with flying colors. The other two-thirds of the division will attend classes at a later date.

On the sick list in the Bozeman division are: Shirley Williams, wife of LARRY WILLIAMS; BUD CLARK from the Upper Gallatin; J. W. BAILEY'S wife, Helen; GEORGE SITTON'S wife, Kay; AUSTIN BAILEY's wife, Lois; and ED WILSON. TOM SALVESON and RANDY STEFFAN are in casts with leg injuries.

JAY RANDALL took his G-21 test and passed handily. He will be transferring to Helena Preconstruction West Region in the near future.

A construction seminar was held in Bozeman for all engineering personnel in the Bozeman division under the direction of GENE STETTLER, construction; JIM ADAMS, EEO Officer; L. H. RICHTER and ED SCOW, materials; BOB LEE and VERN GREY, safety on March 5th and 6th.

BERT MOORE is back to work after a long and serious illness.

RON PETERSON, editor of Bozeman Daily Chronicle, was presented with a certificate of appreciation by JAMES T. SULLIVAN, division engineer, on behalf of Governor Anderson, State Highway Engineer Lewis M. Chittim and the State Highway Commission for his extra work and help in presenting the highway activities of the State Highway Commission.

RICHARD L. MILLER, division maintenance supervisor, presented DONALD BETCHER, LARRY McCOMB and LOUIS MAACK with their service pins. Don and Larry each have 10 years service and Louie has 15 years.

MR. and MRS. LeROY SWITZLER are featured in the national Eagles magazine wherein they sponsored a project to raise money for a cobalt machine for the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. Fritz is president of the Aerie and Frances is president of the auxiliary.

LORN F. HARDIE was born December 15, 1893, in the Helena Valley and, an event that was not too unusual at that time, was delivered by his father.

Lorn's first public employment was with Lewis and Clark County in 1910. His employment was dependent upon himself and a team of horses.

His first Montana Highway employment was in 1920 when he worked during the construction season at Forsyth. In 1921, Mr. Hardie was the Assistant Superintendent of road construction in the Bearmouth Canyon near Missoula using prison labor.

In 1925 Mr. Hardie worked for Granite County.

On June 9, 1927, under Maintenance Engineer Pat Newland, Mr. Hardie was transferred to Bozeman as the Maintenance Superintendent and on July 1, 1932, his title was changed to that of District Mechanic under which he worked until his retirement January 16, 1965.

Mr. Hardie died on November 23, 1965.

—Barbara J. McGuire, Bozeman

Photo shows a picture of Mr. Hardie at the controls of a genuine steam shovel.

Lewistown

A large crowd of friends attended the retirement party for MILO LAHN, District Engineer, held at the Yogo Inn. He retired the first of March after thirty-five years of faithful service to the State Highway Commission. His many friends honored him with standing ovations during the evening. Milo and Leona are planning and preparing for a trip to Alaska in late June.

Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD STODDARD enjoyed a plane trip to California to visit their niece. They report a wonderful trip, weatherwise and airwise.

Mr. and Mrs. ANDY HARCHARIK plan many fishing trips and camping trips this summer in their new camper.

Congratulations are in order—Friday, February 13 was a lucky day for Mr. and Mrs. JOE BRAUNBECK as they are the happy parents of a new rodman, weighing in at 6 lbs. Dean E. joins a sister.

MADISON MINER, maintenance foreman, exchanged marriage vows with Pat Hodges on February 27th.

ARCHIE and HELEN STANTON have joined the snowmobile fans in this area. "CHEV" SPRAGGINS of White Sulphur Springs is also a snowmobile enthusiast as are BILLIE and ED FURNISH. Many winter picnics and cross-country trips have been enjoyed by all interested in this winter sport.

MITCH and LINDA MILLER and

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their two children have taken to skiing like ducks to water. Castle Hill, Bridger Bowl and King's Hill are just a few of their favorites. JOE BRAUNBECK has taken up skiing and is doing fine.

OSCAR and PAT SWAN have been in the process of building a new house. It is not quite complete, but they moved in a couple of weeks ago. They report that it is much easier to do a finish job now.

Our sympathy is extended to CHARLES W. BUCK and family on the death of his mother. Charles is a resident engineer. Also, to CHARLES STRONG on the death of his mother. Charles is an instrumentman.

Illness has plagued us this winter: PAUL MAYO, maintenanceman at Roundup spent several weeks in the Deaconess Hospital in Billings, now back on the job; WILLIS DAILEY, maintenanceman at Grass Range was on the sick list for a month and is still under doctor's care, but is back on the job again; CHARLES BUCK had minor surgery on his left arm and spent some time recovering, back in the swing now; many have had their bout with the flu this winter and are slowly recovering.

The bowlers in the Lewistown division have been bowling up a storm, waiting for April 25 and 26 at Miles City. We have four teams entered.

The following construction employees have taken tests: JAKE LIEBELT passed the G-17 detailer test; CHARLES L. STRONG passed the G-19 test and CARL W. PARK the G-23, resident engineer II test. JOHN RIFE and ROSS JOHNSON took the G-21 test. STEVE STEPHENSON, DOUGLAS RUGGLES and DON HENRY all took the G-19 test. Results of these tests are not available at this writing. We just wish them good luck.

—Bea Knerr, Lewistown

Miles City

Christmas after Christmas

Evidently some small fry thought Christmas so good this year that it was worth repeating, by the looks of the 20-some-ft. evergreen tree alongside the Division office building at Miles City. During the warm warm weekend in late January, they had trimmed the tree with real Christmas tree ornaments and even had toys on several of the branches, which was all done very prettily, and underneath the tree was a red wagon with odds and ends in it—all of this was still under the tree on Monday and during most of that week. A few days later the ornaments and toys all disappeared and once again Christmas ended all too soon. No one ever did see the small "Elves" in action.

About the middle of November, 1969, DAVE GOODSON, stockman in the Miles City division made this interesting prediction—that on January 18, 1970, his wife would present him with a 6 lb. 4 oz. girl and she would be named Sherri Lynn. On January 20, 1970, . . . 7 lb. and 5 oz. Sherri Lynn arrived. Not bad, I would say! Congratulations to you both, Dave and Lynda.

The WILBUR (BUD) BAKERS are the parents of a daughter (their first girl) born February 14, 1970 — Valentine's Day in Miles City. She has been named Leann Joleen and joins two brothers. Bud is resident engineer in the Miles City division.

The Crossroads Inn was the scene of a real "ball" this year when the local Caledonian Society held their annual Bobby Burns dance, under the able leadership of DON McRAE, division office engineer. Don is president of the local society. A capacity crowd enjoyed a very entertaining evening of skits, singing, dancing and dining, etc.

Attending the Milo Lahn retirement party were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Blunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hough, Mr. and Mrs. Art Braut, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Borer, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Garland, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Freshour, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Haughawout, Mr. and Mrs. George (Babe) Mickus, Mr. and Mrs. Donald McRae, Dean E. Seiler, Kenneth G. Rapp, Robert R. Lamb, and Donald Kalness.

—Jean Sweeney, Miles City

Do you know what the initials B. F. stand for in B. F. Goodrich? It's easy: Benjamin Franklin.

McKay heads highway patrol

Robert H. McKay of Helena was named chief of the Montana Highway Patrol Tuesday to succeed retiring Col. Shirley Hancock.

Chairman J. M. Nass of the Montana Highway Patrol Board said the appointment will be formally confirmed at the regular commission meeting March 23-24 in Helena. He said the announcement was made early to achieve a more orderly transition.

McKay, who has been on the force for 17 years, joined in Wolf Point as a driver-examiner in 1952. In 1953 he was assigned to Billings and in 1958 was promoted to sergeant.

In 1960 he was promoted captain and brought to Helena as chief examiner, replacing Gordon McDermid, who retired.

The new chief lives with his wife, Joyce, in Helena.

The retiring chief took over on an acting basis April 1, 1968, from Col. Alex B. Stephenson, who retired after 12 years in the job and now is state treasurer.

After 15 months, Hancock's acting status was removed last June.

Hancock officially retires March 31.

Montana Society of Engineers observes 20th Annual Engineers week

February 22 through the 28th was proclaimed by Governor Anderson as Engineers' Week. "Engineering-environmental design for the 1970's" was the theme.

Engineers from the Highway Commission participating in the week's activities were Jack Walsh, Homer Wheeler and Robert McCoskery.

Concluding the week was the Saturday night banquet at Jorgenson's Holiday Inn at which time awards were given.

Missoula

New employees in construction

Jerry Bausman, Dell L. Brown, Bill R. Fetterhoff, William C. Gould, Paul F. Hovdey, Dennis E. Nelson, Orlin L. Omlid, and Franklin H. Welliver.

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MARTIN BRIGGEMAN has been in Biddle the past several weeks making right-of-way purchases.

LESTER SWISHER is engaged in the same activity in Bozeman.

VERNON JONES and LOWELL MEYERS have returned from Conrad. Vern was R/W office coordinator and Lowell was appraising for missile site property while in Conrad.

LOIS BAKER and BOB BROCK attended the American R/W Association meeting in Great Falls on March 6, 1970.

Resignations

ROBERT C. OLSON, construction; RAYMOND PETERSON, maintenance; and HAROLD ROGERS, maint

Hospitalized

KEVIN THOMAS is reported to be recovering satisfactorily from recent heart surgery in a Denver hospital.

JAMES L. PLUMMER and CHARLES ROSE have been released from local hospitals after having suffered heart attacks.

Construction

IGNACE ADAMS, WILLIAM ARNOTT, CARL CLAWSON, DANIEL GIBSON, STEVEN K. JOHNSON and EUGENE PARKER have recently been reclassified to Engr. Aide II's.

Maintenance

JOHN F. VAN VYNCK and ROSCOE MITCHELL were in Helena March 10 and 11 for a course in maintenance and operation of diesel engines.

—Clara Neely, Missoula

Butte

A party was held at the Top Deck restaurant in Butte in honor of OSCAR LINDLIEF who retired on Feb. 28; 1970. He was presented with a reclining chair. Have a long and happy retirement, Oscar—don't get "chair-itis."

We would like to congratulate the board of directors along with all the committee members of the new organization in the Butte district known as the "Butte State Employees Federal Credit Union." They have already signed up 106 members and more are joining every day. They look for 100% participation from state employees.

Recently, JOHN McGEEVER, and his crew were moved from Clancy to the big city of Butte. A hearty welcome to you and crew, John, from the Butte office. Hope your stay with us will be enjoyable for you.

The aroma of fish was in the nose of all who came into the Butte office on two different occasions lately. JIM KILLOY, office manager in Butte, had gone ice fishing and came home with quite a catch. So he smoked the fish and brought some for the office crew to sample. For his first try smoking fish, we might say he did a good job. They tasted excellent!

—Judy Combo, Butte

Wolf Point

EUGENE KEIL is resigning after 16 years. He has been a rodman with GEORGE NELSON'S crew in Malta.

RODNEY RHOADS, engineering aide on Jim Baldwin's crew, left in March for military service.

MELBOURNE J. COFFEE, retired project engineer, died Wednesday, March 4 after a lengthly illness.

Mr. Coffee was born in Wolf Point and married Bernice Sommers in Plentywood. He worked for the Montana State Highway Commission for 28 years before his retirement in 1965.

Funeral services were March 6.

—Ollie Hauge, Wolf Point

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JULIO MORALES—Legal Section, was featured in the Helena Independent Record Jan. 18 in a full-page article. The story depicted "Dr. Julio Morales, lawyer, linguist, and master fencer." The former resident of Cuba is teaching men's and women's classes at the YMCA. Julio was a member of the internationally ranked Cuban amateur fencing team from 1952 to 1958. He has a doctor's degree in law from the University of Havana and practiced law in Cuba for more than 18 years.

—Bev Gibson

Son–with Sun River thrill!

Ray Hilt, utility agent in the right-of-way division, Helena headquarters, bagged this mountain sheep late in November in the Sun River area; (300 Magnum). The trophy is being mounted by Mike Trevor who works in the IBM section, Helena.

Ray's son, Mark, shown with the prize, appears in a pose that would seem to defy all comers. Earlier the boy had been discharging the assignment as official packer of the camera and the spotting scope.

Hargrove undergoes surgery in Arizona

Leroy Hargrove, former urban engineer, is recuperating at his new home in Sun City, Arizona following a serious operation.

Hargrove and his wife Emma left Helena for his new position with the Arizona Highway Department. He was honored at Helena headquarters at a retirement party late in Dec.